

REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed 24 February 2009, the Examiner required a restriction as follows:

- I. Claims 1-5, drawn to a diabetogenic epitope.
- II. Claims 6-13, drawn to a nucleotide sequence encoding a diabetogenic epitope.
- III. Claims 14-20, drawn to an antibody.
- IV. Claims 21-25, drawn to a kit.
- V. Claims 26 and 27, drawn to a method of screening foodstuffs.
- VI. Claims 28-32, drawn to a modified foodstuff.
- VII. Claims 33-35, drawn to a method of screening a subject.

The Examiner deemed that the inventions of Groups I through VII do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because they lack the same or corresponding special technical features.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Invention I, claims 1-5, without traverse.

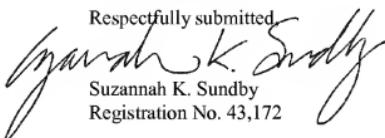
Applicants also reserve the right to pursue any canceled claims in a continuing application without prejudice or disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. The right to file one or more divisional applications to the non-elected groups is respectfully reserved. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to **Deposit Account No. 024300**, Attorney Docket No. **034205.003**.

Respectfully submitted,



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